

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-7, which remain active in this application. The present amendment amends Claims 5 and 7, Claims 8 and 9 having been previously canceled.

The present amendment corrects minor informalities uncovered in Claims 5 and 7 during a post allowance review of the present application. The changes introduced in these claims are believed to be self-evident, and no new matter is added.

Accordingly, Applicants acted diligently to submit this amendment and entry thereof prior to issuance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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